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- DE 198 26 470 discloses a cuvette for absorption of radiation in liquid samples. No full translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract. Further, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,249,345. A copy of this U.S. Patent is attached.

- DE 36 33 916 discloses a method of selectively measuring the concentration of those gaseous and/or liquid substances in gases and/or liquids which absorb radiation ranging from IR to UV, and device for carrying out the method. No full translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract.

- EP 1 167 949 discloses an isotopomer absorption spectral analyzer and its method for

measuring isotope ratio. No full translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 40 12 454 discloses a process and device for measuring isotope ratios. No full translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract. Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,146,294. A copy of the U.S. Patent is attached.

- DE 42 14 840 discloses an infrared absorption spectroscopy system or white cell for simultaneous analysis of constituents of fluid, provides wall of measurement cell with mirrors and interference filters behind which are located photodiode detectors. No full translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 39 18 994 discloses a sensor arrangement for optically measuring gas components. No full translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract. Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,092,342. A copy of the U.S. Patent is attached.

Consideration of the above references is respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>6,249,345</u>	<u>June 19, 2001</u>	<u>Kraack et al.</u>			<u>June 14, 1999</u>
	<u>5,146,294</u>	<u>Sept. 8, 1992</u>	<u>Grisar et al.</u>			<u>April 1, 1991</u>
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	<u>DE 198 26 470</u>	<u>Dec. 23, 1999</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 36 33 916</u>	<u>April 14, 1988</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>EP 1 167 949</u>	<u>Jan. 2, 2002</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 40 12 454</u>	<u>Aug. 8, 1991</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 42 14 840</u>	<u>Nov. 11, 1993</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 39 18 994</u>	<u>June 13, 1990</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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